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For: HUMAN FCγRIIB GENE POLYMORPHISMS FOR ASSESSING
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LETTERCommissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the telephone call from Examiner Mahatan on January 19, 2005, inquiring whether a Response had been filed to the June 29, 2004 Restriction Requirement in this application. Examiner Mahatan indicated that a Response had not been received by the Patent and Trademark Office.

The undersigned attorney informed Examiner Mahatan that a Response to the Restriction Requirement had been filed on August 18, 2004, along with a Petition for a one-month extension of time. The Examiner was also informed that the return postcard (bearing the Patent and Trademark Office mail room stamp) had been received. The postcard acknowledged receipt of the Response and Petition for Extension of Time.

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Examiner Mahatan indicated that the Response and the Petition had not been received by the Patent and Trademark Office and suggested that these documents (together with a copy of the return postcard bearing the Patent and Trademark Office mail room stamp) be forwarded to the Patent and Trademark Office at the general fax number.

Attached to this letter are a copy of the Response to the Restriction Requirement and the Petition for Extension of Time mailed on August 18, 2004 in this application. Also attached is a copy of a return postcard acknowledging receipt of the Response to the Restriction Requirement and Petition for Extension of Time.

A prompt Official Action on the merits of all claims in this application is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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